

## **CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

### **Arts Commission MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Feb 26, 2013

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

#### **Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFiore	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe Swain	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Thoma	

#### **Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Supervisor

Michael Lafreniere, Parks and Recreation Director

#### **Guests**

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as amended.

#### **Elections**

Virginia Wright is elected to continue as Chair, and Andre Reay is elected as Vice Chair.

#### **2013 Area of Focus Report**

The Commission discussed the 2013 Area of Focus report. Some changes were made to the format of the document to better reflect the way staff and commissioners manage projects. The Commissioners requested that focus groups retain commissioner assignments. Staff will make changes to the document and bring it back to March meeting for final approval.

#### **AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** – Debbie Thoma spoke about the work being done by the Highline School District to create a new strategic plan planning. There is some concern that there is not an arts advocate on the strategic planning committee. The HSD Arts Council was asked to provide their support for the arts to the committee. Debbie encouraged the commissioners to advocate for the arts with the Superintendant via e-mail or meeting in person. There is also a meeting on Thursday, February 28th at Midway Elementary School from 6-8pm where the community can give their input on the strategic plan. The community can also go to <http://imaginehighline.org> to add your input. The HSD is also adding some new advanced arts classes so students can develop proficiency.

**Public Art**—Staff discussed the progress on the Public Art project. At this time the hope is that the signage, brochure, and website will be up and ready for some type of unveiling event in August/September. One idea is to do a WABI walk-n-talk to many of the public art sites.

**Arts and Economic Development**— Shelli reported that Council member Jerry Robinson spoke at the January 28th council meeting about an arts district being addressed by the council. Shelli is

hoping the Arts and Economic Development Focus Group can work on this possibility. Shelli would like the commission as a whole to provide a statement of support. Shelli suggested the commission work on a statement at the next commission meeting, and spoke about how cities can provide arts and culture based businesses incentives to move into an area of a city. States often have programs that state incentives that are available. Could the commission give recommendations on the boundaries? Shelli will forward the draft ordinance she created. Michael will keep commission aware of where this is in the council pipeline. Shelli will do a report at the next meeting.

**Arts Summit**—Shelli reported that she hopes this project can happen in 2013. She will bring this item to the March meeting for discussion. Some thoughts are: state of the arts in Burien, establishing relationship with arts and business community (marketing city, art walk, and arts district), accessibility for the arts.

**Other--** Virginia reported on the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archives, located on 153<sup>rd</sup> St.

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Empty Bowls**—The annual Empty Bowls fund raiser was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. 930 people attended and \$16,762 was raised for the Highline and White Center Food Banks. Moshier potters donated 1,500 bowls and food was donated by over 25 area businesses.

Due to meeting length discussion remainder of staff report was tabled until March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.